

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for providing a plurality of individual display presentations based upon a data stream from a server, said method comprising:

receiving said data stream by a control device from said
10 server;

processing said data stream to provide a presentation output;

15 transmitting said presentation output to a series of wireless control units, each of said wireless control units including a display means; and

applying said presentation output to each of said display
20 means to provide said plurality of individual display presentations.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:

25 selectively mounting at least one of said wireless control units in a receptacle of said control device.

3. The method as set forth in claim 2 wherein said control device includes a predetermined number of receptacles for receiving corresponding control units, said receptacles being positioned in an array from a front portion to a back portion of said control device, said front portion being

arranged for viewing by a user whereby only a display means of a front-most control unit is viewable by said user, said method further including determining a front-most mounted control unit within said control device.

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4. The method as set forth in claim 3 and further including transmitting said presentation output only to said front-most control unit.

10 5. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein each of said control units further includes an ON/OFF switching means for selectively switching each of said control units ON or OFF, said method further including receiving said presentation output by all of said control units which are turned ON in
15 addition to said front-most control unit.

6. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said data stream is related to an event being viewed by a user of one of said wireless control units, said method further
20 including:

providing a series of links for display on said display means of said control unit;

25 enabling a selection of at least one of said links by said user; and

providing a display of information related to said selected link on said display means of said control unit.

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7. The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein said display means comprises touch sensitive display screens by which users are enabled to make selections by applying pressure to a selected screen area.

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8. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said control device further includes an infrared receiver, said method further including receiving channel selection signals by said control device from a wireless remote control device.

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9. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said control device further includes a display button, said display button being selectively operable for controlling displays on said display means of said control units.

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10. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said control device further includes charging means, said charging means being selectively operable for charging said wireless control units when said wireless control units are mounted on said control device.

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11. A medium containing machine-readable code, said code being selectively readable to provide program signals for executing a method for providing a plurality of individual display presentations based upon a data stream from a server, said method comprising:

receiving said data stream by a control device from said server;

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processing said data stream to provide a presentation output;

transmitting said presentation output to a series of wireless control units, each of said wireless control units including a display means; and

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applying said presentation output to each of said display means to provide said plurality of individual display presentations.

10 12. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said method further includes:

selectively mounting at least one of said wireless control units in a receptacle of said control device.

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13. The medium as set forth in claim 12 wherein said control device includes a predetermined number of receptacles for receiving corresponding control units, said receptacles being positioned in an array from a front portion to a back portion of said control device, said front portion being arranged for viewing by a user whereby only a display means of a front-most control unit is viewable by said user, said method further including determining a front-most mounted control unit within said control device.

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14. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said method further includes transmitting said presentation output only to said front-most control unit.

30 15. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein each of said control units further includes an ON/OFF switching means for selectively switching each of said control units ON or OFF,

said method further including receiving said presentation output by all of said control units which are turned ON in addition to said front-most control unit.

5 16. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said data stream is related to an event being viewed by a user of one of said wireless control units, said method further including:

10 providing a series of links for display on said display means of said control unit;

enabling a selection of at least one of said links by said user; and

15 providing a display of information related to said selected link on said display means of said control unit.

17. The medium as set forth in claim 16 wherein said display means comprises touch sensitive display screens by which users are enabled to make selections by applying pressure to a selected screen area.

20 18. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said control device further includes an infrared receiver, said method further including receiving channel selection signals by said control device from a wireless remote control device.

25 19. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said control device further includes a display button, said display button being selectively operable for controlling displays on said display means of said control units.

20. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said control device further includes charging means, said charging means being selectively operable for charging said wireless
5 control units when said wireless control units are mounted on said control device.

21. A system for providing a plurality of individual display presentations based upon a data stream from a server, said
10 method comprising:

a control device arranged for receiving said data stream from said server, said control device including a series of wireless control units;

15 means for processing said data stream to provide a presentation output;

means for transmitting said presentation output to said
20 series of wireless control units, each of said wireless control units including a display means; and

means for applying said presentation output to each of said display means to provide said plurality of individual
25 display presentations.